

## CANADA'S GREAT PREMIER SPEAKS HIS MIND FREELY ON PLAN OF RECIPROCITY

Although Hawaii is far removed from Washington, D. C., where the struggle over the Canadian reciprocity bill is now being fought out, the issue is followed with the keenest interest in the territory, for its effect is worldwide. Sir Wilfred Laurier, the premier of the Dominion of Canada, who is urging the agreement and is one of the men chiefly responsible for the progress it has made thus far, tells in the May Columbian Magazine something about his position.

"My earnest hope is that the year 1914 will witness a fitting celebration in honor of the one hundred years of peace between Great Britain, Canada and the United States, and I trust and believe that the friendly relations now existing will never be disturbed."

Such were the parting words of Sir Wilfred Laurier, Premier of Canada, to the writer, after a cordial meeting in which Canada's greatest statesman had given some interesting views on the relations between the two countries, and the proposed reciprocity treaty. Sir Wilfred Laurier is a man of charming personality. The fact that even his most aggressive political opponents like him and admire him—and in Canada political feeling is more bitter than in the United States—is evidence of his commanding magnetism and charm. Purely of French ancestry, he represents the highest type of French statesmanship, leavened and toned by the influence of Anglo-Saxon association and co-operation. In his seventieth year he has the vitality, the energy, the power of intellectual application which we are apt to look for in a man of fifty or thereabouts. Dignified in manner, there is an entire absence of that aura of chill and aloofness with which some Britons—and Canadians, too—clothe themselves, as with a garment. On meeting men of the Laurier type the thought readily presents itself that the Anglo-Saxon element in Canada was fortunate in having the co-operation of French genius, ability and amiability in the building up of Canadian nationality and the development of Canadian resources; and in that no battle of Hastings was needed, as in the mother country, to engraft that genius with a battleax on the stolid Saxon character.

### Opposition in Canada.

In the United States, the reciprocity agreement was approved by the House of Representatives of the late Congress, and failed of action in the Senate. It is therefore now before the special session of the Sixty-second Congress, summoned by President Taft to consider it. In the Dominion the majority of the opposition, that is, of the Conservative or Tory party, is resisting the adoption of the agreement by the Parliament at Ottawa, and is also denouncing it in some of the provincial legislatures, although this attitude on the part of the Conservatives is not by any means unanimous, many prominent members of that party, especially in western Canada, having declared themselves favorable to the proposed partial letting down of tariff bars between their country and the United States.

To make the Canadian situation clear an explanation is necessary as to the methods of the Dominion Parliament. Technically the reciprocity agreement is not yet before Parliament, although in effect it has been under discussion for several weeks. The Canadians follow the British rule of first considering and acting upon resolutions in favor of a measure before itself is introduced. The Dominion Parliament is now considering the resolutions. There is no closure. A member can talk as long and as often as he likes; but this is tempered by a rule forbidding the reading of speeches. The rule does not seem to be strictly enforced, reference to notes being frequent, and the reading of quotations being, of course, permissible. There is no "leave to print." When constituents receive a member's speech in print they know that it was actually delivered. After resolutions have been adopted, the passage of a bill in pursuance of the resolutions has generally been a matter of form. A bill is as much subject to debate, however, as resolutions, and there is a possibility, or even a probability, that the opposition may filibuster against the reciprocity bill even after the adoption of the resolutions. That resolutions and bill will pass is certain, Sir Wilfred Laurier having been sustained on a test vote by practically the usual government majority. That majority in the House has been forty-three. On the vote which defeated a motion to postpone the resolutions, the majority was forty.

### WHY Seek Markets?

The Premier says: "Our policy has been, is, and will be, so long as the Canadian people continue to place in us the confidence they have shown us during fifteen years, to seek markets wherever markets are to be found. We are above all an agricultural people, our chief wealth is the growth of these products of the temperate zone, fruits,

cereals and vegetables; and it is our best—but a boast founded on actual experience—that in cereals, vegetables and fruits we can, without exaggeration, beat the world. At the northern extremity of the temperate zone our cereals have more strength, our fruit has better flavor, our vegetables have more delicacy than similar productions from other parts of the world; and under free competition,



not barred in any way by tariff legislation, they will displace all other products on the tables of the wealthy. Our object today is to open the door on the American market, to open the door of a nation of 90,000,000, which has been closed to us for the last fifty years; and when we are now on the eve of reaching that long-sought object we are met by objection after objection, we are deluged by a plough of sophism, we are told that if such an arrangement is to go into effect and Canadian vegetables, cereals, and fruits can cross the boundary line and be eaten free of duty by the American people, it will be all over with the Canadian Confederation, and even the British Empire will reel and rock upon its foundations.

### No Industry Injured.

Although it was part of our policy to obtain reciprocity with the United States, we have acted carefully in so doing and have not injured any industry. The only industry affected is that of agricultural implements, on some of which the duty has been reduced from 15½ per cent to 15 per cent and others from 20 per cent to 15 per cent. It would have been pleasing, for myself at all events, to go beyond that, but we considered that if we did we would perhaps not do justice to the large body which has invested money in these establishments. The government does not exist for the farmers alone or the manufacturers alone, or for any one class, but for the classes which compose our nation. I do not mean that there should be any antagonism between class and class. I do not admit that there should be any antagonism between the manufacturers and the farmers. The manufacturer is the best customer of the farmer, and the farmer is the best customer of the manufacturer. Let them walk hand in hand; let each profit. But so far as we are concerned, for fourteen years we have administered the government of this country on these lines trying to do away with class, keeping always in mind the motto, freedom for all and privileges for none. That has been our policy, and that policy we shall continue."

### A WORD FOR FATHER

Who always home his wages brings? Father. Who sees them fit for clothes and things? Father. Who sees them go for food and rent and never gets himself a cent, except what he's already spent? Father.

Who loses two dollars cost, no more? Father. Who sees his wife blow in a score? Father. Who has to wear a saw-tooth shirt and collar which hits thorns hard, so man can have a holeless-skirt? Father.

Who sees the cost of living soar? Father. Who says, "Well, soon we'll eat no more?" Father. Who, when the month's first day comes round, half buried to his ears is found in bills that cause him woes profound? Father.

But who is happy all the while? Father. Who only asks a pleasant smile? Father. Who only seeks the simple bliss of welcome hugs and loving kiss and hates such patronage as this about Christmas time? Father.

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"Of course, children," said daddy one evening to Jack and Evelyn after they had climbed into his lap for their bedtime story, "you have heard of Christopher Columbus, the man who discovered America?"

"Yes," said Jack, "but how did he come to discover it? Was it lost before Columbus found it?"

That made daddy laugh. "No, son," he answered; "it wasn't lost, but the people who lived in Europe did not know that America was here. They did not know that there was any land on this side of the ocean. Most of them did not even know that the world is round like a ball and that it is possible to sail around it. Even Columbus did not know that he had discovered a new country by simply sailing to the west after he left Spain. He thought that the country he reached was only a part of Asia."

"When Columbus returned from his first voyage across the ocean great honors were paid to him. All the people were anxious to see the man who had been brave enough to sail where no white man had been before his time. But some folks became envious of him. They said: 'It is no great thing which this man has done. Why, any one could sail across the ocean the same as he did!'"

"One evening there was a great banquet given in honor of Columbus by a Spanish gentleman. Some of the men there wanted to sneer at Columbus, and they began talking about what a little thing it was that he had done instead of being one of the greatest things that had ever been done. Any one could have done it, they said again. But Columbus was a modest, quiet man, as most great men are, and he did not care to reply to these men. But after a time they became bolder in their talk about him, and it made him uncomfortable. So when they were all seated at the table he had a servant bring an egg to him.

"He showed the egg to the other men at the dinner party and said to them: 'Gentlemen, can any one among you make this egg stand on its end on the table?' "

"They all tried to do it. The egg was passed around the table from one to another, and each in turn tried to make it stand. But of course whenever they let go of the egg it turned over, and at last they all said that it was impossible to make the egg stand.

"'Give it to me,' said Columbus. When the egg was handed back to him he tapped it on the table lightly, so that the eggshell was slightly broken. Then of course the egg stood. 'You see, gentlemen,' said Columbus, 'it is easy when you know how.'"

Advices received at San Francisco report the sale of the British ship Celtic Monarch. The Celtic Monarch has been taken by foreign owners for \$6500, and will be converted into a barge and used as a storehouse. Dismasted and badly battered, the Celtic Monarch put into Valparaiso December 16 of last year and is still lying disabled at that port.

It is hard for a man to discover that he has no balance in bank without losing his equilibrium.

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